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*****MEDIA ADVISORY*****

Rep. Shuler Bill to Rename Asheville VA Medical Center Expected on House Floor Today

Washington, D.C. – H.R. 2546, a bill sponsored by Representative Congressman Heath Shuler to rename the Asheville VA Medical Center in honor of Pfc. Charles, is expected to be voted on today under a suspension of the rules.

When a bill is considered under a suspension of the rules it is unamendable and requires a favorable vote by two-thirds of the House.

What: Expected vote on H.R. 2546 to rename the Asheville VA Medical Center after Pfc. Charles George

When: The House will begin legislative business at 2:00 p.m. H.R. 2546 is the fourteenth bill that will be considered under suspension. It is likely that the bill will be approved by a voice vote.

Note: H.R. 2546 enjoys the full support of the North Carolina Congressional delegation – Democrats and Republicans – as well as the support of veteran's organizations including the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans, the North Carolina Veteran's Affairs Commission, and the Order of the Purple Heart.

About Pfc. George: Private First Class Charles George, a native of Western North Carolina who was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his actions during the Korean War. Pfc. George was a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and was raised in the Birdtown community of the Qualla Boundary. He attended Cherokee Schools before enlisting in the U.S. Army and being sent to fight in the Korean War.

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